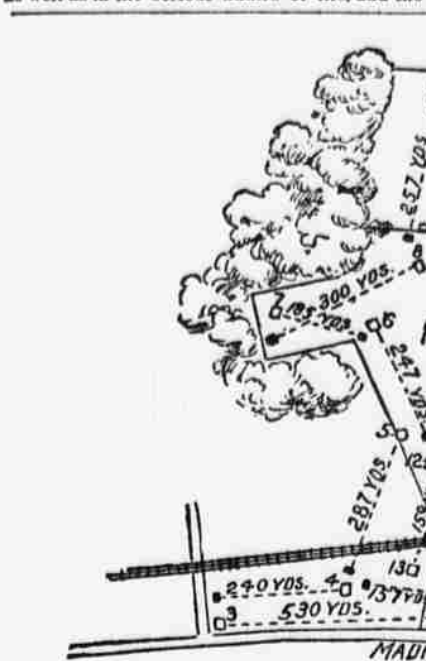


GOLFING IN AMERICA.

NEW CLUBS BEING FORMED AND LINKS LAID OUT.

The Men and Manners, Women and Ways of the Greens, with Home Details of the Game and the Record Players—Groups of Clubs About New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Chicago, and the East Is Not Yet—The Newport Tournament Will Wind Up the Season with Glory in Outdoor and Nettle Flaming the Amateur and Open Championship Medals—Sketches and Descriptions of the Most Famous Courses—Links Building as a Pastime—Why Not Ask English Amateurs to Join in the Open Championships—Some Tricks of the Caddies.

Golf is swinging upward. Sports have their ups and downs, but there is a new wave in recreation, and golf is the most popular of the new sports. It is not only a game, but a way of life, and it is the most serious of the new sports.



THE NEW EIGHTEEN-HOLE COURSE OF THE MORRIS COUNTY GOLF CLUB.

"Royal and Ancient" game is now going up in public favor. Although the growth is fast, there is nothing of the "boom" about it. The present rush to form golf clubs, buy or lease land, and lay out links has a firmer foundation. Ardent golfers, transplanted as a rule from Scotland or England, have for years been doing missionary work at places far apart—Chicago, Boston, Denver, and New York—and preparing the way for the game. One enthusiast, C. H. McDonald, who had been a student at St. Andrew's University, began the proselytizing labor as far back as 1873. The acorns planted by the golfing pioneers have produced mighty oaks; in "booms" the tree is shown before the seed is in the ground.

It would seem that golf has come to stay, for the old golfers are still steadfast to the game, and the new men are building and planning with care. That fine prospect in a Scotchman's eyes, the highway leading to London, was journeyed over by the golfers long years ago, and for the decade the sport has dominated England. A fashionable notoriety there and a substantial Scotch family tree, dating back some 440 years, are lacking golf in its efforts to build up a pedigree in America.

Golf was introduced as a club sport in the United States in 1865 and in Canada in 1870, when the Royal Golf Club of Montreal was

laid out. As a fact, it came as a boon to the average country neighborhood, affording a recreation less stilted than many it superseded, and having the added charm of being new. A brief glance over the golfing world shows that the links may be divided into groups, named after the cities which are their chief feeders or providers of players. The Yonkers club has been mentioned and the game is also played at the Country Club of Westchester. In the New York group, too, are the links of the Meadowbrook Hunt Club, the Rockaway Hunt, and the Richmond County Country Club. The Tuxedo links are also in this group, for the club residents are nearly all from the metropolis; and two more, each having the distinction of being first protected by women, the Orange Mountain Golf Club and the Morris County Golf Club, are also in this roster. Three more New Jersey clubs may claim a place—at Paterson, Hoboken, and Glen Ridge; and there are Junior golf clubs, a healthy sign, at both Summit and Morristown. Lakeside and Asbury Park have also flourishing links.

The Boston group, in numbers and prominence, is next to New York, with the game well established at the Country Club of Brookline, the Essex County Country Club, Lowell Links, and the Cambridge Country Club, among fifty other points. The game is well founded



RECEPTION HALL, NEWPORT GOLF CLUB. From the Illustrated American.

found. The first club on this side the border was formed in Yonkers and named in honor of the ancient organization at St. Andrew's, Scotland. Its founder was Robert Lockhart, a member of the Scottish club, and associated with him were John Reid, J. B. Upham, Harry Holbrook, H. O. Tallmadge, and Kingman Paton, who brought over from England the clubs with which the first game was played.

The St. Andrew's Club was formally organized on Nov. 18, 1868. The first links consisted of six holes on the pastures behind H. O. Tallmadge's residence on Palisade avenue, in Yonkers. Four years later thirty acres of land were leased about three-quarters of a mile north of the first grounds. The links still had but six holes, and on this course the monthly club matches and the John Reid medal were competed for until 1894, when, in April, the club moved to its present links, the old Oddell farm, on the Sawmill road, in the Fourth ward of the town of Yonkers. The ground has been leased for five years by the club, and last autumn the railroad changed the name of the station on the club grounds to "a local habitation and a name."

The advance guard of golfers were not long left alone. Other clubs were quickly formed, and since 1890 the advance in the game has

been rapid. There are now fully 15,000 players in the United States. Private links have kept pace with the club courses, and they are part of the country place equipment wherever rich men have homes. August Belmont is building a 12-hole course on his property at Babylon, Payard Cutting has links at Lillip; John Jacob Astor, Jr., at Rhinecliff; the putting greens picturesque located and commanding fine views of the Hudson. On the Hudson, too, and overlooking the grand scenery of the Catskill range, are the links of the Stateburgh Golf Club, with Ogden D. Mills, Archibald Rogers, and William Brown Dismore, Jr., as the ruling spirits, and at Poughkeepsie there are links on the grounds of E. N. Howells.

As has been noted, the St. Andrew's Club had only a 6-hole link in its early years, and one course of the advance of the game is its adaptability to circumstances, where ground cannot be had for an 18-hole links, a shorter course will do. And whenever a golfer or two has an ambitious place there is always a stretch of law

laid out, which will afford good practice. The ideal course would be a velvety carpet of turf, covering the hills and valleys for three or four miles, as the crow flies, with stone walls, hedges, and a brook as hazards, with here and there a quarrying bunker to avoid. The hole should be from 300 to 600 yards away from the tees, according to the lay of the land. Failing the ideal course, the golfers must make the best of the grounds as they find them. A necessary point is that in-coming and out-going players should not meet, for there is pain in being hit by a ball, as many can attest, but with this attended to, the general direction of the course does not matter. A circle, starting from and ending at the clubhouse or tent, is usually the most practicable form of links.

One enthusiast has practiced holing shots on the parlor carpet, yet this was an excess of zeal. But there is some sport and the chance to practice driving and approach shots, by taking on one's walks in the country a golf club in lieu of a cane, and a number of balls. Where links are absent this makeshift has some merits.

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The Baltusrol links will have a formidable rival in the Lakewood course as a resort for winter players. Golf was played extensively there last winter, and the players found the turf in fair condition the greater part of the season. The Lakewood course has nine holes, and is sheltered by a thick wood of pine on two sides. It is a short course, but a road, fences, and artificial bunkers make it a trying one for the best hands at the game. No one can play the links in fair condition the greater part of the season. The Lakewood course has nine holes, and is sheltered by a thick wood of pine on two sides. It is a short course, but a road, fences, and artificial bunkers make it a trying one for the best hands at the game. No one can play the links in fair condition the greater part of the season.

Winter golfing was tried under unique conditions by the Lakewood Golf Club, who played in January on the crust of the ice, using red balls, and having excellent sport. But at Baltusrol the winter sport will be the real thing. A great aid to the advancement of golf has been its adoption by the country clubs and the Newport, and elsewhere, and will wish to continue the sport throughout the cold months.

The playing season on the links of the New York group lasts from May to perhaps November, and only on the earliest and latest days of the season can the warm Scotch garments be worn with comfort. Most of the players, in fact, is done under summer sun, and so long as the clothing is cool and the texture is not of such great consequence to the men.

At St. Andrew's on a handfast day, with a cheering, sun-buffing through the sky, is where the unconventional rules in costume. What uniformity there is will be only in the coats, the orthodox red sack with the blue collar being often worn. At Newport, Tuxedo, Morristown, and Southampton there is more regard for conventional styles than at St. Andrew's, but uniformity is the consideration everywhere.

There is, however, a decided partiality for the heavy worsted golf stockings, which roll over the calf and are of Scottish make. At first they came only in the clan tartans, but now they are as gorgeous as patterns as a rule, and but for the fact that they are worn by the feet in any sport which requires walking in rough or heavy shoes. On this account the gay plaid stockings will be lasting in golf.

No greater diversity in scenery can be imagined than is afforded by the different links in the New York group, the landscapes being totally unlike in their predominating characteristics, yet being all beautiful in their way. Scenery, however grand, is not a golfer's business, say the books, yet it cannot be utter each that the lines of the links are all in such pleasing places. A golfing pilgrim may journey from Tuxedo in the shadows of the Ramapo Mountains, to the banks of the sleepy Hudson, the levels of Hempstead, the pastoral acres of Morristown, the stony-ribbed hills of St. Andrew's, or the sand dunes of the Shinnecock Hills, ever finding pleasing landscapes, unless, like a miser, he is so miserly as to be afraid to raise his eyes from the ground for fear of losing a dolt. The game is played on the turf, but the player need not be of the earth, earthy.

The links of Newport, of Manchester-by-the-Sea, and of that sporting paradise, the Country Club of Brookline, where the country club is a polo field, crosses the race course and over the kennels, like those of the New York group, have a variety of charms, but they have their prototypes among the local links first named. At Meadowbrook the cedars there are polo fields, kennels, and the club houses are of the sport of Brookline, and also the dwellings of the colonial mansions and Queen Anne cottages.

There is to be a certain glitter about the championships this season, for the players who visit Newport are to be received at a new clubhouse—a palace in the way of golfing quarters—which has cost a fabulous sum and is the design of Whitney Warren, an architect. There is, too, a new 18-hole course to be opened, on which the links of the country club are to be played. A course of nine holes, averaging 350 yards, and with forty-foot greens, has been laid out on grassy hills, with a sunny southerly exposure throughout the winter. The patronesses of the Baltusrol Golf Club are Mrs. Edward Reshaw Jones, Mrs. Oliver S. Carter, Mrs. William Beckman, Mrs. Clement C. Moore, Mrs. William Fellows Morgan, Mrs. John A. Stewart, Jr., Mrs. John C. Wilmerding, and Mrs. Edward H. Wright of Newark. The Golf Committee are George Bird, John L. Du Pals, and George Hunter, who is also Golf Captain of the Richmond County Country Club, while Louis Keller is the Secretary. The membership in the Baltusrol Club will be limited to 500, and it is expected that they will chiefly be golfing enthusiasts who play in the summer at Shinnecock Hills,

and Campbell had beaten each other in turn, although the latter has never claimed the title.

This season the advent of Park has upset all calculations, and Lloyd, another high-class player from abroad, is also a factor among the experts. Park, while his play has shown a rising level, has not yet reached the level of the others, with the possible exception of Dunn, says that he will not be here to play in the open championships at Newport, which will leave the event, as far as the professionals are concerned, to Dunn, Campbell, Lloyd, Davis, Patrick, Tucker, Korton, and the rest. They are raised now, according to H. O. Tallmadge, in the order in which they are named, although he says the issue is too close between Dunn, Campbell, and Lloyd that the result depends greatly on luck when they meet. But Mr. Tallmadge may have good reason to be so sure regarding the standing of the players before October, and there is always the possibility of other arrivals from Scotland. The Shinnecock Hills Club, for instance, called on Thursday to Tom Morris, the veteran champion, at St. Andrew's, Scotland, to come over and play on the links of the club. Park for the championship in 1890 and lost in the play-off, who is a fine hand at the club. The open championships abroad have been won by amateurs, including John Ball, Jr., and H. H. Hilton, but that an amateur should win in the open event at Newport, unless he were a visitor, is not regarded as possible.

It would certainly enhance the competitive spirit in the first American open championships to have amateur players from abroad enter the lists. The international list of sports is the largest and the most interesting of the men who come for other sports. But why not formally invite for the event Leslie Balfour-Melville, John Ball, Jr., H. H. Hilton, J. E. Laidlaw, or F. G. Tait?

The United States Golf Association, which has made the Newport championships possible and is to regulate the sport generally, was formed on Dec. 22, 1894, at a meeting in the Calumet Club attended by Theodore A. Havemeyer and Winthrop Barber of the Newport Golf Club; Thomas H. Butler and Samuel L. Parrish of the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club; and Charles B. Curtis and J. B. Sears of the Country Club of Brookline; John Reid and H. O. Tallmadge of the St. Andrew's Club; and Charles B. MacDonald and J. A. Ryerson of the Chicago Golf Club. The officers elected were Theodore A. Havemeyer, president; Charles B. Curtis, Vice-President; Henry O. Tallmadge, Secretary, and Samuel L. Parrish Treasurer.

At present the associate members are the Chicago Golf Club, Country Club of Brookline, Newport Golf Club, St. Andrew's Golf Club, Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, the Essex County Country Club of Manchester, Mass., and the Philadelphia Club. The list of allied clubs begins with the Richmond County Country Club. Formally stated, the objects of the association shall be to "promote interest in the game of golf; to protect the mutual interests of the members; to establish uniformity in the rules of the game by creating a representative authority; its Executive Committee shall be authorized to exercise final authority in matters of controversy; to decide on the uniform system of handicaps; to decide on what links the amateur and open championships shall be played."

There is no better writer of the championships will be decided at Newport during the first week in October. The amateur championship shall be played by order of the open championships, by strokes, or medal play. The amateur winner, in addition to the title of champion, will receive a trophy valued at \$1,000, the gift of Mr. Havemeyer, and to be held by his club for a year. The winner of the open championship will receive a gold medal, and \$150 given in money. If a field, kennels, or in place to an amateur golfer. Four additional cash prizes are offered, but for professionals only.

The playing rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrew's, Scotland, have been adopted with a few local changes. It is interesting to note the definition of an amateur: "An amateur is a person who has not received any remuneration for playing golf, and who has not carried clubs for hire at any time within six years of the date on which the competition begins; who has never received any remuneration for playing in a match for a period of five years prior to Sept. 1, 1894, and who has not received for a money prize in any open competition."

The caddies of the present, it will be noticed, may be either the amateur or professional players of the future, according to the way they make their careers. So far the game has not appealed to the small boys who were once called caddies, who simply carry the bags of clubs and the golfing outfit, and who are paid for their services. The caddies are now a class of men, many of whom are of the old-fashioned type, and who are paid for their services. The caddies are now a class of men, many of whom are of the old-fashioned type, and who are paid for their services.

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The St. Andrew's course is fairly free from interference between the players, as they strike in different lines, making long holes, yet the links are not so free from interference as the links of the other clubs.

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